



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bourdet Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Hollister, CA	COUNTY	Santa Clara
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) proposes to use a 320 acre property to train CAL FIRE Firefighters in the proper procedures of prescribed fire techniques. The property is located in Hollister, CA East of Gilroy along Hwy 152, North of Casa De Fruita and North of Hwy 152. The 320 acres is within the 10,000+ acre privately owned Bourdet Ranch property. The project area is entirely within State Responsibility, is zoned as ranch land and used for cattle grazing. The proposed 320 acre project area consists of approximately: 150 acres of grazed grassland; 150 acres of brush, including primarily sage, scattered ceanothus and chamise; and 20 acres of oak species. The project area is completely surrounded by existing roads and dozerline and is more than 100 feet from any structure. The project area is free of any threatened and endangered plants or animals. CAL FIRE Type 3 engines and a fire suppression helicopter will be used for the training burn and will be present for all burning activities. All applicable burn permits issued from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will be obtained prior to commencement of burning.

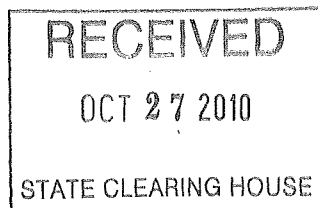
EXEMPTION STATUS

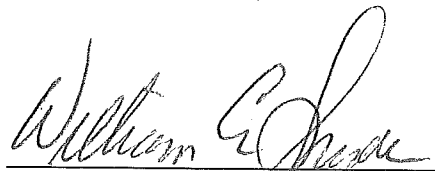
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (i)
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 4 §15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit Headquarters, 15670 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

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